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 NOLL AND RHYTHM MOTOR SPORTS, LLC

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN JOSE DIVISION

RICHARD NOLL AND RHYTHM )  
 MOTOR SPORTS, LLC, Individually and )  
 on behalf of all others similarly situated, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

EBAY INC., EBAY EUROPE S.A.R.L., )  
 AND EBAY INTERNATIONAL AG )  
 INC., )

Defendants. )

CASE NO. 5:11-CV-04585-EJD

**PLAINTIFFS' CONSOLIDATED  
 SECOND AMENDED CLASS  
 ACTION COMPLAINT**

Judge: Hon. Edward J. Davila  
 Courtroom: 4, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Trial Date: Not Yet Set

Jury Trial Demanded

1 Plaintiffs Richard Noll (“Noll”) and Rhythm Motor Sports, LLC (“Rhythm”)  
 2 (collectively “Plaintiffs”), individually and on behalf of all those similarly situated, bring this  
 3 complaint for damages and injunctive relief, and state:<sup>1</sup>

#### 4 **I. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

5 Plaintiffs assert their claims individually and on behalf of all other persons who paid  
 6 listing fees in excess of those promised and agreed to on websites wholly owned and operated by  
 7 Defendants eBay Inc., eBay Europe S.à.r.l. (“eBay Europe”), and/or eBay International AG  
 8 (“eBay International”) (collectively, “eBay”). As set forth more fully below, Plaintiffs seek a  
 9 declaration construing the web pages that establish the so-called “Good ‘Til Cancelled” listing  
 10 fees and monetary damages arising from eBay’s practice of systematically repeating charges for  
 11 these listings.  
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#### 13 **II. PARTIES**

14 **1. Noll.** Noll is an individual who resides in Florida. Noll has been a seller on eBay  
 15 since approximately September 2010. Noll is typical of the Class insofar as he has been forced  
 16 to pay fees in excess of those promised and agreed to by eBay.  
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18 **2. Rhythm.** Rhythm Motor Sports LLC is an Arizona limited liability company that  
 19 has sold on eBay for over four years. Rhythm is typical of the Class insofar as it has been forced  
 20 to pay fees in excess of those promised and agreed to by eBay.  
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22 **3. eBay.** eBay is a Delaware corporation with its principal office at 2145 Hamilton  
 23 Avenue, San Jose, California 95125. eBay has appeared and may be served via its counsel.

24 **4. eBay Europe.** eBay Europe is located at 22-24 Boulevard Royal, L-2449  
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26 <sup>1</sup> This Consolidated Complaint is filed pursuant to the Court’s Order Granting Rhythm Motor Sports LLC’s Motion  
 27 to Intervene and Denying Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss as Moot (Docket Item No. 83). Plaintiffs acknowledge the  
 28 Court’s prior dismissal of all claims against eBay Europe and eBay International and are repeating and realleging the  
 allegations regarding these two entities in this Amended Complaint solely for purpose of preserving the appellate  
 rights of Plaintiffs and the proposed Class.

1 Luxembourg. eBay Europe has appeared and may be served through its counsel of record.

2       **5. eBay International.** eBay International is a company incorporated under the  
3 laws of Switzerland with its principal office located at Helvetiastrasse 15/17, 3005, Bern,  
4 Switzerland. eBay International has appeared and may be served through its counsel of record.

### 5                               **III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6       **6. Subject Matter Jurisdiction.** This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant  
7 to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2) because this case is filed as a class action under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 and  
8 the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and  
9 costs, and a substantial number of members of the class are citizens of a state different from  
10 California.

11       **7. Venue.** Venue is proper in this district and division under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a)  
12 because (1) eBay resides in this judicial district; (2) a substantial part of the events or omissions  
13 giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in this judicial district; and (3) eBay is subject  
14 to personal jurisdiction in the Northern District of California.

15       **8. Intra-District Assignment: San Jose.** Pursuant to Local Rules 3-2(c) and 3-5(b),  
16 a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in  
17 Santa Clara County, where eBay is located, and this case should be assigned to the San Jose  
18 division pursuant to Local Rule 3-2(e).

### 19                               **IV. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND AND** 20                               **RELATION BACK OF RHYTHM'S CLAIMS**

21       **9.** On September 15, 2011, Plaintiff Richard Noll ("Noll") filed this class action  
22 lawsuit asserting claims against eBay arising from the fees charged for Good 'Til Cancelled  
23 listings.  
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25       **10.** When this lawsuit was first filed, Noll sued on behalf of a putative class defined  
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as follows:

All eBay members subject to the eBay User Agreement who, on and after September 16, 2008:

a. placed GTC Listings on eBay.com, eBay Stores, or eBay Motors; and

b. were charged at any time after the initial listing:

(i) Listing Fees during the No Recurring Charge Period; and/or

(ii) any other Fees (excluding Final Value Fees) in excess of Insertion Fees during the applicable Insertion Fee Only Period.

**11.** On April 23, 2012, the Court ruled that Noll “has no standing to bring claims against eBay Motors and eBay Stores” and therefore granted eBay’s motion to dismiss the “claims against these entities.”<sup>2</sup> The Court also held that “Because Plaintiff plainly states that he did not have any listings on eBay before September 2010, Plaintiff did not suffer any injury during the ‘No Recurring Charge Period’ and has no standing to bring claims regarding improper Insertion Fees from September 16, 2008 through December 16, 2008.”

**12.** During the class period defined in Noll’s Original Complaint, Rhythm placed Good ‘Til Cancelled listings on eBay within several different merchandise categories, including standard eBay.com categories, eBay Motors categories, and eBay Stores. Thus, Rhythm is a

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<sup>2</sup> The Court apparently concluded that eBay Motors and eBay Stores are separate, independent entities from eBay and that Noll had asserted separate, independent claims against those entities. However, as alleged herein and in Noll’s prior complaint, eBay Motors and eBay Stores are not distinct entities from eBay; rather, they are merely different formats for listings with eBay Inc. on its websites. Noll merely defined the class that he intended to represent as sellers with listings that were included in these listing formats, which are simply two additional formats available to sellers using eBay’s integrated websites. eBay Motors is the name applied to the merchandise categories on eBay that comprise vehicles and vehicle-related merchandise, such as parts and accessories. Similarly, eBay Stores is simply a way for sellers to gather and display in one place all of their eBay listings that would otherwise be displayed in various different eBay categories. In any event, both eBay Motors and Stores listings are governed by the same User Agreement with eBay Inc. as all other eBay listings. Although different Fees Schedules apply to those transactions, all of these schedules fall under and are incorporated into the same, uniform User Agreement with eBay. In other words, there is only one contract (as amended over time) at issue for all of the various types of listings, and eBay Inc. is a party to and liable under that contract for overcharges stemming from undisclosed recurring charges in connection with all listings that used the Good ‘Til Cancelled duration.

1 member of the putative class in this Lawsuit, both as it was originally defined and as to the  
2 claims left standing after the Court's ruling on eBay's Motion to Dismiss. Like Rhythm, many  
3 other eBay sellers placed Good 'Til Cancelled listings not only in standard eBay.com categories,  
4 but also in eBay Motors categories and/or through eBay Stores.

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6 **13.** The Court's dismissal of Noll's claims to the extent he intended to represent class  
7 members regarding listings from September 16 – December 16, 2008, and at all times for eBay  
8 Motors and eBay Stores listings affected the rights of Rhythm and others similarly situated and  
9 presented the possibility that only a portion of their Good 'Til Cancelled damages could or would  
10 be addressed in this case. Consequently, to remedy the Court's apparent concerns about Noll's  
11 standing with respect to such claims, Rhythm intervened in this action as a Plaintiff to bring  
12 claims for all listings of any kind on eBay, including in the Motors and Stores categories,  
13 beginning September 16, 2008.

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15 **14.** Plaintiffs allege that Rhythm's claims relate back to the filing of Noll's original  
16 complaint and/or that any statute of limitations was tolled throughout the pendency of this action.

## 17 **V. BACKGROUND FACTS**

18 **15. eBay's Business.** According to eBay's 2010 Form 10-K, eBay "connects millions  
19 of buyers and sellers globally on a daily basis through eBay, the world's largest online  
20 marketplace." At the end of September, 2011, eBay had almost 99 million active users (*i.e.*,  
21 persons who bid on, bought, listed or sold an item during the preceding 12-month period).

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23 **16. Core eBay, eBay Motors, and eBay Stores.** During the Class Period, eBay  
24 operated an integrated internet business utilizing different internet Uniform Resource Locators  
25 ("URLs"), including www.ebay.com (also known as "Core eBay"), www.ebay.com/motors  
26 (formerly www.motors.ebay.com and collectively "eBay Motors"), and stores.ebay.com ("eBay  
27 Stores").  
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1       **17. eBay Motors is Just Another eBay Merchandise Category.** As demonstrated  
 2 by the listing of eBay merchandise categories contained on eBay's website, a true and correct  
 3 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, eBay Motors is a listing category within eBay's  
 4 website that encompasses vehicles and vehicle-related merchandise. For purposes relevant to  
 5 this case, it is not functionally different from any of the thousands of other merchandise  
 6 categories within eBay. In fact, listings in the eBay Motors category are fully and functionally  
 7 integrated into Core eBay.  
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9       **18. eBay Stores Aggregates a Seller's Listings from All eBay Merchandise**  
 10 **Categories.** As discussed more fully below, eBay offers sellers many optional features that they  
 11 can elect to use to enhance their listings. eBay Stores is simply one of those additional types of  
 12 features that sellers can employ to give their listings more exposure to buyers. The primary  
 13 functional difference between a Stores listing and other listings is that a particular seller's eBay  
 14 Stores listings can be gathered and displayed on a single web page (i.e., the seller's "Store") so  
 15 that buyers can readily find them in one location. eBay Stores listings are otherwise  
 16 indistinguishable from any other eBay listing and are intermingled with all other eBay listings  
 17 contained within the applicable eBay merchandise category. Listings that appear in eBay Stores  
 18 are created in the same manner as all other eBay listings and simultaneously also appear on the  
 19 regular eBay web pages within their applicable eBay merchandise category.  
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22       **19. Core eBay, eBay Motors, and eBay Stores are all eBay Inc.** All of eBay's  
 23 various web pages are interconnected and controlled solely by eBay.<sup>3</sup> All listings placed by eBay  
 24 sellers are placed with the same entity, eBay, and all related fees for those listings are paid only

25 <sup>3</sup> In many instances, because of the common web design, format, and interconnectedness of the different eBay web  
 26 pages, users navigating within the eBay website cannot readily discern whether they are on a web page for  
 27 merchandise categories that are technically within the Core eBay, eBay Motors, or eBay Stores areas of the eBay  
 28 online marketplace unless the user (1) pays specific attention to the URL of the particular webpage he is viewing  
 and (2) has a full understanding of the organizational structure of eBay's web pages.

1 to eBay, regardless of which product category a particular listing may appear in, including  
 2 listings appearing in the eBay Motors and eBay Stores categories. eBay Motors and eBay Stores  
 3 are not separate or distinct entities from eBay, nor do they have differing contracts with members  
 4 of the Class. Rather, listings placed by sellers in the eBay Motors and eBay Stores categories are  
 5 no different from listings placed within other categories of eBay's integrated online business and  
 6 all of those listings are governed by the same identical contract of adhesion between eBay and  
 7 each Class member.<sup>4</sup>

9 **20. Common Databases for All Users.** All data for all users, including listings and  
 10 fees charged, are contained in a single database system common for all eBay URLs and for all  
 11 eBay entities, including without limitation eBay Inc, eBay International and eBay Europe.

12 **21. eBay Membership and User Agreement.** In order to list items for sale, eBay  
 13 requires sellers on the web sites listed above to first become "members" of eBay by accepting the  
 14 User Agreement located at <http://pages.ebay.com/help/policies/user-agreement.html> (the "User  
 15 Agreement"). The User Agreement is a contract of adhesion and its terms are not negotiable by  
 16 prospective eBay members. The User Agreement, effective August 13, 2008, states:

18 By using the services on the eBay websites (eBay.com and other related  
 19 websites where this agreement appears), you are agreeing to the following  
 20 terms, including those available by hyperlink, with eBay Inc. . . . .

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 24 <sup>4</sup> Rhythm's Good 'Til Cancelled listings on eBay have included listings within standard Core eBay merchandise  
 25 categories, eBay Motors categories, and eBay Stores, whereas Noll's eBay listings have been within categories other  
 26 than eBay Motors and eBay Stores. As noted above, eBay Motors and eBay Stores are not separate entities from  
 27 eBay and are not separately named defendants in this action. Regardless of whether a listing is technically placed in  
 28 an eBay Motors category or whether that listing also appears in an eBay Stores in addition to the standard eBay  
 category, the fees associated with those listings are all paid to eBay pursuant to the same contract that applies to all  
 Class members. Furthermore, as shown below, the manner in which eBay has breached the contract is identical  
 regardless of where or how a particular listing was initially placed. The breach occurred when eBay charged  
 recurring Good 'Til Cancelled listing fees.

1 In the latter part of 2009, eBay amended the User Agreement, deleting the reference to  
2 hyperlinks:

3 By using eBay (including eBay.com and its related sites, services, and  
4 tools), you agree to the following terms with eBay Inc. . . .

5 Among other things, the User Agreement contains a California choice of law provision and a  
6 forum selection clause designating courts located in Santa Clara, County, California as the  
7 exclusive forum for litigating disputes with eBay<sup>5</sup>.

8 **22. Fees Schedule Web Pages.** The User Agreement states that eBay will charge  
9 sellers based upon its “Fees schedule,” which is a hyperlink that leads to other web pages that  
10 describe and quantify the applicable fees. The immediate link is to a page entitled “eBay.com  
11 Fees,” which (1) begins with two links to fee pages for listings placed in the eBay Motors and  
12 eBay Stores categories; and (2) goes on to describe the general fees for listings in eBay  
13 categories other than eBay Motors and eBay Stores. See  
14 <http://pages.ebay.com/help/sell/fees.html> (the “eBay.com Fees Schedule”),  
15 <http://pages.ebay.com/help/sell/motorfees.html> (the “eBay Motors Fees Schedule”), and  
16 <http://pages.ebay.com/help/sell/storefees.html> (the “eBay Stores Fees Schedule”) (collectively  
17 the “Fees Schedules”). Collectively, the User Agreement and the Fees Schedules comprise the  
18 operative contractual documents for identifying and calculating the fees for listing and selling  
19 items on eBay. For pleading purposes, Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the User Agreement  
20 and linked Fees Schedules and all applicable versions thereof during the Class Period defined  
21 below, so long as the web pages were readily accessible to Plaintiffs and the proposed Class.  
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24 **23. eBay’s Listing Formats.** Sellers can list their merchandise for sale in different  
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26 <sup>5</sup> On August 21, 2012, eBay posted an amended User Agreement unilaterally changed the contract with its customers  
27 to impose, on a go-forward basis, Utah law, a mandatory Utah forum, and to require all users to waive the right to  
28 bring a class action in favor of individual arbitrations. The new User Agreement is purportedly effective as of  
October 10, 2012, for all eBay customers who were eBay members prior to August 21, 2012.



1 formats, including as an “Auction-Style Listing” or as a “Fixed-Price Listing”. Under the  
2 Auction-Style Listing, the sale goes to the highest bidder at or above the minimum opening  
3 price, provided any reserve is met. In a Fixed-Price Listing, a buyer willing to pay the seller’s  
4 asking price can immediately consummate the transaction, rather than waiting for the listing  
5 duration to expire.  
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7 **24. Listing Duration.** Every listing has a specified duration selected by the seller,  
8 typically 1, 3, 5, 7, or 10 days. Beginning on or about September 16, 2008, eBay added two  
9 more options for Fixed-Price Listings: (i) a 30-day listing, and (ii) “Good ’Til Cancelled”  
10 (“GTC Listings”).

11 **25. Fees Schedules.** On information and belief, eBay regularly reviewed and revised  
12 the Fees Schedules, as the available internet archives show many different versions of these  
13 pages. Thus, eBay’s drafting of these pages was not accidental, but was deliberate and  
14 intentional, especially as to the following:  
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16 **a. Basic Fees and Optional Feature Fees.** The Fees Schedules define two  
17 distinct categories of fees, Basic fees (“Basic Fees”) and Optional feature fees (“Optional Feature  
18 Fees”). The Basic Fees consist of the Insertion Fee and the Final Value Fee.<sup>6</sup> An Insertion Fee is  
19 a mandatory fee eBay charges for placing a listing. The Optional Feature Fees permit sellers to  
20 “add optional features to help increase bid activity ... and chances for a successful sale” at an  
21 additional cost. The Fees Schedules state that Insertion Fees and Optional Feature Fees “are  
22 charged at the time of listing and are non-refundable.” The Insertion Fee and Optional Feature  
23 Fees thus comprise the total fee eBay charges sellers at the time of listing (collectively, the  
24 “Listing Fees”).  
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27 <sup>6</sup> eBay charges the Final Value Fee only if the item sells or receives a suitable bid and, depending on the type of  
28 item, that amount varies with the sales price. Final Value Fees are not the subject of this action.

(i) **Insertion Fee.** The amount of the Insertion Fee is contained in a specific table on each Fees Schedule. For example, the version of the eBay.com Fees Schedule hyperlinked to the User Agreement on September 16, 2008, contains a section entitled “Basic fees,” which provides: “When you list an item on eBay, you’re charged an Insertion Fee.” This section contains a table that sets forth how Insertion Fees are calculated for Fixed-Price Listings:

Insertion Fees: Fixed Price		
Starting Price	Books, Music, DVDs & Movies, Video Games*	Other Categories
\$1.00 and Above	\$0.15	\$0.35

Consequently, the eBay.com Fees Schedule sets \$0.35 (later raised to \$0.50) as the maximum Insertion Fee for a Fixed-Price Listing. The Insertion Fees for merchandise listed in the eBay Motors Parts & Accessories category are identical to those for eBay, as the eBay Motors Fees Schedule incorporates by reference the eBay Fees Schedule Insertion Fees.

(ii) **Optional Feature Fees.** Importantly, all of the Fees Schedules have Optional Feature Fees defined separately from the Basic Fees. In particular, Optional Feature Fees are described in tables distinct and separate from the tables for Basic Fees. By way of example, perhaps the largest subcategory of Optional Feature Fees is the table setting forth “Listing Upgrade Fees,” which vary depending on the listing type:

Listing Upgrade Fees



Feature	Fee -- Auction Style, Fixed Price Format (3, 5, 7, 10 Days)	Fee -- Fixed Price (30 Days, Good 'Til Cancelled), Classified Ad
Value Pack	\$0.65	\$2.00
Gallery*	Free	Free
Gallery Plus	\$0.35	\$1.00
Listing Designer**	\$0.10	\$0.30
Subtitle	\$0.50	\$1.50
Bold	\$2.00	\$4.00
Scheduled Listings	\$0.10	\$0.10
Gift Services	\$0.25	\$0.75
Border	\$4.00	\$8.00
Highlight	\$5.00	\$10.00
Gallery Featured	\$24.95	\$74.95
Home Page Featured	\$59.95	\$179.95
List in Two Categories***	x2	x2

Other subcategories of Optional Feature Fees include: (1) Reserve Fees; (2) Buy It Now Fees; (3) Featured Plus!; (4) Pro Pack; (5) International Site Visibility; (6) eBay Picture Hosting Fees; and (7) Seller Tool Fees. The eBay Motors and Stores Fees Schedules have Optional Feature Fees segregated from Insertion Fees; the subcategories of fees are for the most part identical.

(iii) **Listing Fees.** The Listing Fees, comprised of the Insertion Fee and any Optional Feature Fees, are expressly charged by eBay “at the time of listing;” Plaintiffs and the Class complain that eBay improperly re-charged some or all of these fees every 30 days for GTC Listings.

b. **GTC Listings and Recurring Charges.** On information and belief, eBay has always charged recurring fees every 30 days for GTC Listings that are not canceled. In addition, eBay at times changed Listing Fees after GTC listings were placed and charged the new fees instead of the fees that applied when the listing was placed. For example, eBay repeatedly charges the Insertion Fee and some or all Optional Feature Fees every 30 days; however, these recurring charges were not revealed in all of the applicable Fees Schedules. As of September 16, 2008, when the GTC option was introduced for Fixed Price Listings, there was no mention in the

User Agreement or eBay and eBay Motors Fees Schedules of any recurring charges for GTC Listings. The only time Listing Fees were supposed to be imposed was at the time a listing was initially placed: “Insertion fees and optional feature fees are charged at the time of listing and are nonrefundable.”

The eBay Stores Fees Schedule in effect as of September 16, 2008, did provide for some recurring fees. For example, the eBay Stores Listing Upgrade Fees table sets out the following fees every 30 days:

Listing Upgrade Fees		
Features	30 days	Good 'Til Cancelled (recurring 30-day listing)
<u>Gallery</u>	Free	Free
<u>Gallery Plus</u>	\$0.35	\$0.35 / 30 days
<u>Subtitle</u>	\$0.02	\$0.02 / 30 days
<u>Listing Designer</u>	\$0.10	\$0.10 / 30 days
<u>Scheduled Listings</u>	\$0.10	\$0.10
<u>Bold</u>	\$1.00	\$1.00 / 30 days
<u>Border</u>	\$3.00	\$3.00 / 30 days
<u>Highlight</u>	\$5.00	\$5.00 / 30 days

Consistent with this table is nearby verbiage that “Good 'Til Cancelled will be charged the relevant fees every 30 days.” These disclosures were absent from the substantially identical tables in the eBay and eBay Motors Fees Schedules. However, as explained below, eBay removed the disclosure of these recurring fees from the eBay Stores Fees Schedule in 2010.

c. **Recurring Charges Limited to Insertion Fee.** Sometime after September 16, 2008, eBay revised the eBay User Agreement. A statement was buried within several other paragraphs under the heading “**A note about eBay fees**” on the eBay.com Fees Schedule:

1 Good 'Til Cancelled renews automatically every 30 days until the item  
2 sells or you end the listing. *Insertion fees* are charged every 30 day  
period.

3 (emphasis added). This statement did not appear, however, on the eBay Motors Fees Schedule  
4 until 2010, when eBay buried similar language in a section literally entitled “**The fine print.**” At  
5 about the same time in 2010, eBay fundamentally changed the eBay Stores Fees Schedule by  
6 (i) changing how it listed fees from an amount to be charged every 30 days (*e.g.*, “\$.35 / 30  
7 days”) to a flat rate for GTC Listings without mentioning a time period (*e.g.*, “\$.35”) and  
8 (ii) dropping the earlier reference to recharging “relevant fees” every 30 days in favor of a  
9 provision reading substantially the same as the excerpt set forth above, *i.e.*, noting that only  
10 Insertion Fees would be charged every 30 days. Importantly, none of eBay’s defective Fees  
11 Schedules, regardless of the time period involved, state that eBay would charge Optional Feature  
12 Fees every 30 days.  
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15 **d. eBay Finally Publishes Recurring Fees.** Effective as of October 10,  
16 2012, eBay revised its User Agreement and incorporated Fees Schedules as follows:

17 **Other terms**

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- 20 • Good 'Til Cancelled listings renew automatically every 30 days unless  
21 all of the items sell, you end the listing, or the listing violates an eBay  
22 policy. Insertion fees *and optional feature fees* are charged every 30-  
day period. *Fee amounts are based on the terms in effect when the  
listing goes live, and when it renews.*

23 (emphasis added) This new language in the Fees Schedules shows that it was feasible for eBay  
24 to have previously stated that all fees, including Optional Feature Fees are charged every 30  
25 days, and that Plaintiffs reasonably relied on the omission of this language in earlier Fees  
26 Schedules.  
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1           **26.     Summary of Promised and Agreed Fees for GTC Listings.**

2           **a.     No Recurring Charge Period.** As set forth more fully above, as of  
 3 September 16, 2008, the eBay.com and eBay Motors Fees Schedules did not mention any  
 4 recurring charges for GTC Listings (*i.e.*, no recurring Insertion Fees or Optional Feature Fees).  
 5 On December 16, 2008, eBay added the verbiage “Insertion fees are charged every 30 day  
 6 period” to the eBay Fees Schedule, although this language was buried under headings entitled “**A**  
 7 **note about fees**” or “**The fine print**,” far from the Fees Schedules’ tables of Insertion Fees. The  
 8 same verbiage was added to the eBay Motors Fee Schedule in 2010. Plaintiffs contend this  
 9 statement was in fact intended by eBay to prevent sellers from learning about or knowingly  
 10 agreeing to recurring charges. The time period from September 16, 2008, until the effective date  
 11 of the change to the Fees Schedules, is referred to herein as the “No Recurring Charge Period.”  
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13           **b.     Insertion Fee Only Period.** Even when eBay added verbiage about  
 14 recurring charges for GTC Listings, this verbiage mentioned only Insertion Fees, not Optional  
 15 Feature Fees. This additional verbiage should not relieve eBay of liability for charging recurring  
 16 fees, however. The time period after eBay added the verbiage “Insertion fees are charged every  
 17 30 day period” to each Fees Schedule is defined herein as the Insertion Fee Only Period.  
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19           **27.     eBay Charged Incorrect Fees to Sellers.** eBay has consistently overcharged  
 20 Listing Fees on GTC Listings as follows:  
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- 22           · eBay improperly charged all Listing Fees every 30 days for GTC  
 23 Listings during the No Recurring Charge Period; and/or
- 24           · eBay improperly charged all Listing Fees, especially fees in addition  
 25 to Insertion Fees, every 30 days for GTC Listings during the Insertion  
 26 Fee Only Period.

27           **28.     eBay’s Agreements, Policies, and Practices Are Identical for All Class**  
 28 **Members.** All of the foregoing allegations are based entirely upon eBay’s published Fees

1 Schedules from its website. There are no variations whatsoever between and among the  
2 agreements with, and representations made to, Plaintiffs or any Class member as to those fees;  
3 the Fees Schedules should therefore be interpreted uniformly as to all Class members.  
4 Moreover, the eBay User Agreement has a California choice of law provision. California law  
5 may therefore be applied to claims of all Class members.  
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7 **29. Examples of Noll's Typical and Common Experience with eBay.** Noll has  
8 placed listings on eBay entirely for personal purposes as a consumer. Noll reviewed and relied  
9 on the Fees Schedules in effect in September 2010 to fully and conspicuously disclose all fees.  
10 In particular, Noll Relied on the User Agreement and linked eBay Fees Schedule to set forth all  
11 fees associated with listing items for sale on eBay. The eBay Fees Schedule states that the  
12 "Basic fees" consist of an Insertion Fee and Final Value Fee and that the "total cost of selling an  
13 item is the Insertion Fee plus the Final Value Fee." The Fees Schedule also states that the  
14 Insertion Fee is charged "when you list an item . . . ." Noll relied on this language and the tables  
15 of Insertion Fees immediately below this language to set forth the amount and timing of Insertion  
16 Fees. The eBay Fees Schedule goes on to disclose Optional Feature Fees in tables with bold  
17 headings and highlighted titles, including "Subtitle" and "Picture Hosting Fees." When Noll  
18 read the eBay Fees Schedule, he expected that the timing and amount of Insertion Fees and  
19 Optional Feature Fees would appear in the tables for those fees and he therefore relied on those  
20 tables. These tables in the eBay Fees Schedule had no mention that any fees for GTC Listings  
21 would recur and Noll therefore relied on that omission to believe that GTC Listings would not  
22 incur any recurring fees. Noll did not expect that the timing or amount of Listing Fees would  
23 appear at the end of the eBay Fees Schedule in an area entitled "The fine print." Noll expected  
24 that this section at the end of the eBay Fees Schedule would contain details unrelated to the  
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1 timing and amount of Listing Fees, like his obligation to keep his account in good standing.  
2 eBay's intent to obscure the information in the "fine print" is revealed by the fact that eBay now  
3 entitles this section "Other items." Noll also used and relied on eBay's "Sell-Your-Item" ("SYI")  
4 form to create GTC Listings on eBay. On the form, eBay gave him the option to set the duration  
5 of his listings. The SYI form set out the amount of Listing Fees. The SYI form omitted any  
6 disclosure that that GTC Listings entailed recurring charges for all Listing Fees every 30 days.  
7 Noll relied on this omission from the SYI form in placing GTC Listings. eBay could and should  
8 have conspicuously stated in the Fees Schedules and SYI forms that Insertion Fees and Optional  
9 Feature Fees are charged every 30-day period. In reliance on the foregoing representations and  
10 omissions, and the name "Good 'Til Cancelled," Noll believed that GTC Listings required  
11 payment of the initial Listing Fees and that the listings would remain "good" at no extra charge  
12 until canceled or the item sold, without recurring charges of Listing Fees. Noll therefore selected  
13 GTC for the listing duration, rather than any other duration. Had Noll known that GTC Listings  
14 would have recurring fees, he would not have selected the GTC option. Alternatively, Noll  
15 would not have selected Optional Features for his GTC Listings. In no event would Noll have  
16 simply allowed his GTC Listings to simply incur recurring Listing Fees without some action on  
17 his part to reduce or eliminate those fees by, for example, omitting or removing Optional  
18 Features. The invoices Noll has ordinarily received simply contain a monthly total, rather than  
19 any details on items and fees. After paying the monthly invoices and once he investigated the  
20 details of additional information omitted from the invoices, Noll discovered eBay had been  
21 improperly imposing recurring fees on his GTC Listings. The following are examples of  
22 overcharges resulting from eBay's practice of improperly re-charging Optional Feature Fees on  
23 Noll's GTC Listings:  
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Date	Title	Item	Fee Type	Amount
11/28/2010	R255VD/W 1/3" Color Sony Super HAD 550 TV Lines,3D DNR	260700158313	Insertion Fee	\$0.50
			Item Subtitle Fee	\$1.50
			Picture Fee	\$0.15
12/28/2010	R255VD/W 1/3" Color Sony Super HAD 550 TV Lines,3D DNR	260700158313	Insertion Fee	\$0.50
			Item Subtitle Fee	\$1.50
			Picture Fee	\$0.15
1/27/2011	R255VD/W 1/3" Color Sony Super HAD 550 TV Lines,3D DNR	260700158313	Insertion Fee	\$0.50
			Item Subtitle Fee	\$1.50
			Picture Fee	\$0.15

The foregoing is not an invoice from eBay. These examples show that eBay charged Insertion Fees on November 28, 2010, December 28, 2010, and January 27, 2011, totaling \$1.50. eBay should not have re-charged the Item Subtitle and Picture Fees (both are Optional Feature Fees, not Insertion Fees) every 30 days. Because eBay improperly re-charged these fees (totaling \$1.65) in December and January, eBay overcharged Noll a total of \$3.30 for this listing. Noll also complains of the re-charged Insertion Fees, as that was not conspicuously disclosed. In short, just like all other sellers who listed items on eBay.com after September 16, 2008, eBay improperly charged Noll Listing Fees every 30 days on his GTC Listings. This calculation is representative of, typical of, and common to all members of the Class and readily determinable from the computer data maintained by eBay.

**30. Examples of Rhythm's Typical and Common Experience with eBay.** During the Class Period, Rhythm placed GTC Listings within standard eBay.com categories, eBay Motors categories, and/or eBay Stores and it regularly included Optional Features in those listings. Rhythm reviewed and relied on the User Agreement and the applicable Fees Schedule in existence at the time of each listing to fully and conspicuously disclose all fees. In particular,

1 Rhythm relied on the User Agreement and linked eBay, eBay Motors, and eBay Stores Fees  
2 Schedules to set forth all fees associated with listing items for sale on eBay. The eBay Fees  
3 Schedule states that the “Basic fees” consist of an Insertion Fee and Final Value Fee and that the  
4 “total cost of selling an item is the Insertion Fee plus the Final Value Fee.” The Fees Schedule  
5 also states that the Insertion Fee is charged “when you list an item ... .” Rhythm relied on this  
6 language and the tables of Insertion Fees immediately below this language to set forth the  
7 amount and timing of Insertion Fees. The eBay Motors and eBay Stores Fees Schedule goes on  
8 to disclose Optional Feature Fees in tables with bold headings and highlighted titles. The Fees  
9 Schedules are the only source of information about GTC listing fees and should have contained  
10 all relevant information about the amount and timing of the fees. Alternatively and in addition,  
11 the disclosures at the time of listing should have contained disclosures that GTC Listing Fees  
12 would recur; there were no such disclosures. Rhythm relied on the tables for Insertion Fees and  
13 Optional Feature Fees in the Fees Schedules and on the disclosures at the time of listing to set  
14 forth all information regarding the timing and amount of fees for GTC Listings. eBay could and  
15 should have conspicuously stated in the Fees Schedules and listing disclosures that Insertion  
16 Fees and Optional Feature Fees are charged every 30-day period. Instead, as of September 16,  
17 2008, the eBay Motors Fees Schedule had no mention that any fees for GTC Listings would  
18 recur and Rhythm therefore relied on that omission to believe that GTC Listings would not incur  
19 any recurring Listing Fees. eBay later changed the language regarding to GTC Listings on the  
20 eBay.com Fees Schedule, but provided no notice that the substantive terms of the User  
21 Agreement had been unilaterally changed and falsely represented to sellers on the face of User  
22 Agreement itself the last date that substantive changes had been made to the terms of the parties’  
23 agreement. In 2010, the eBay Stores Fees Schedule omitted any mention of recurring fees in the  
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1 tables of Insertion and Optional Feature Fees and Rhythm therefore relied on that omission to  
2 believe that GTC Listings would no longer incur any recurring fees. In 2010, after eBay added  
3 language about recurring fees to the end of the eBay Motors and Stores Fees Schedules pages in  
4 “The fine print,” Rhythm did not see the new language. Even if Rhythm had seen the language,  
5 it was inadequate because it at most stated that “*Insertion fees* are charged every 30 day period,”  
6 rather than that “*Insertion fees and optional feature fees* are charged every 30-day period.”  
7 Rhythm’s reliance on this omission was reasonable, because eBay itself recognized the need for  
8 improved verbiage. Again, eBay provided no notice that it had changed the terms of its User  
9 Agreement and falsely represented to sellers on the face of User Agreement the last date that  
10 substantive changes had been made to the terms of the parties’ agreement. As of 2010, the  
11 above-referenced tables of Insertion and Optional Feature Fees in the eBay Motors and Stores  
12 Fees Schedules had no mention that any fees for GTC Listings would recur and Rhythm  
13 therefore relied on that omission to believe that GTC Listings in Stores would not incur any  
14 recurring fees. Rhythm did not expect that the timing or amount of Listing Fees would appear at  
15 the end of the Fees Schedule in an area entitled “The fine print.” eBay’s intent to obscure the  
16 information in the “fine print” is revealed by the fact that eBay now entitles this section “Other  
17 items.” When Rhythm placed listings, eBay gave it the option to select the duration of its  
18 listings. The listing process omitted any disclosure that that GTC Listings entailed recurring  
19 charges for all Listing Fees every 30 days. Moreover, eBay did not disclose that it would change  
20 Listing Fees after the listing was placed and charge the new Listing Fees instead of the Listing  
21 Fees at the time of listing. Rhythm relied on these omissions in placing GTC Listings. In  
22 reliance on the foregoing representations and omissions, and the name “Good ’Til Cancelled,”  
23 Rhythm understood that GTC Listings required payment of the initial Listing Fees and that the  
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1 listings would remain “good” at no extra charge until canceled or the item sold, without recurring  
2 charges of Listing Fees, with the exception of recurring insertion fees for listings made during an  
3 Insertion Fee Only Period disclosed in the applicable Fees Schedule. Rhythm therefore selected  
4 GTC for the listing duration, rather than any other duration. Had Rhythm known that GTC  
5 Listings would have recurring fees, it would not have selected the GTC option. Alternatively,  
6 Rhythm would not have selected Optional Features for its GTC Listings. The summary invoices  
7 from eBay did not reveal the recurring GTC Listing Fees. Rhythm can calculate the overcharged  
8 fees for GTC Listings from eBay’s data in the same manner as described in the paragraph above.  
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10 **31. Plaintiffs are Proper Representatives of All Sellers.** While eBay’s fees  
11 structure charges different monetary amounts for listings based on a variety of different factors,  
12 including, for example, which merchandise category the listing is placed in, the listing format,  
13 and other options, eBay’s obligation not to charge sellers improper recurring fees for GTC  
14 listings are the same regardless of which Fees Schedule applies to a particular listing. Thus,  
15 Plaintiffs are proper representatives to bring claims on behalf of all sellers for excessive fees  
16 charged by eBay for GTC listings that are subject to the eBay.com Fees Schedule, the eBay  
17 Motors Fees Schedule, and/or the eBay Stores Fees Schedule.  
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19 **32. eBay’s Intent to Mislead.** eBay’s intent to mislead Plaintiffs and the class is  
20 evidenced by at least the following: (1) eBay repeatedly revised its User Agreement and Fees  
21 Schedules, showing deliberate actions; (2) eBay placed incorrect revision dates on the User  
22 Agreement, even though incorporated Fees Schedules had been changed subsequently; (3) eBay  
23 placed verbiage about recurring GTC Listing Fees in a section entitled “The fine print” at the end  
24 of the Fees Schedules, rather than adjacent to the tables setting forth the fees (as had been done  
25 at one point for Stores); and (4) eBay’s August 21, 2012, revision to the Fees Schedules  
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expressly state that both Insertion Fees and Optional Feature Fees will be re-charged every thirty days for GTC Listings demonstrating that eBay could and should have included such simple language in the Fees Schedules earlier.

## **VI. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

**33. Class Definition.** Plaintiffs bring this class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 on behalf of the following class (the “Class”): all eBay members subject to the eBay User Agreement who, on and after September 16, 2008 (the “Class Period”):

- a. placed GTC Listings on eBay that are subject to the Fees Schedules;<sup>7</sup> and
- b. were charged Listing Fees at any time after the initial listing.

Excluded from the Class are eBay and its management, officers, and directors, members of each of their immediate families, and any presiding magistrate or district judge and their staff.

**34. Class Certification.** This action may be maintained as a class action because:

- a. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable;
- b. There are questions of law or fact common to the Class;
- c. The claims or defenses of the representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the Class; and
- d. The representatives of the Class will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class.

**35. Declaratory/Injunctive Relief.** The Class is properly certifiable pursuant to Rule 23(b)(2) because eBay has acted or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the Class, so that final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate respecting the Class as a whole.

**36. Damages Class.** The Class is properly certifiable pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3) as a

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<sup>7</sup> The Class period will need to be adjusted based on the exact content of the Fees Schedules.

1 damages class because the questions of law and fact common to the class predominate over any  
2 questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other available  
3 methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the controversy. Among other things, each Class  
4 member's interest in individually controlling the prosecution of the claims herein makes it  
5 virtually impossible to assert those claims outside the class action context. Moreover, there is no  
6 other litigation known by the undersigned counsel that asserts claims based on the facts in this  
7 controversy. Concentrating litigation in this forum makes sense because it is the location of  
8 eBay's principal office and principal place of business, the forum of eBay's choice under the  
9 User Agreement, and because eBay has selected California law under the User Agreement.  
10 Finally, there are no likely difficulties in managing this case as a class action and the Plaintiffs'  
11 counsel is experienced in class actions.  
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13 **37. Common Questions.** The common questions of law and fact include at least the  
14 following:  
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- 16 **a.** The construction of the agreement between eBay and the Class members;  
17 **b.** The Listing Fees for GTC Listings and method of calculation thereof by  
18 eBay as to the Class;  
19 **c.** Whether eBay has breached its agreement and covenant of good faith and  
20 fair dealing with the Class;  
21 **d.** Whether eBay has violated California Business & Professional Code  
22 § 17200 *et seq.*;  
23 **e.** Whether eBay has violated California Business & Professional Code  
24 § 17500 *et seq.*;  
25 **f.** Whether eBay has violated California Business & Professional Code  
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§ 17600 *et seq.*;

g. Whether the Fees Schedule web pages are an unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business practice insofar as they deviate from the fees actually charged;

h. Whether eBay was unjustly enriched by charging fees in a manner and in excess of what it agreed to and promised for GTC Listings;

i. Whether the advertised GTC fees are untrue or misleading;

j. Whether charges by eBay of GTC fees greater than those advertised were unconscionable and/or unfair;

k. Whether eBay's omission from the Fees Schedules of any reference to recurring Listing Fees or the placement of verbiage about recurring Insertion Fees (but not Optional Feature Fees) at the end of the Fees Schedule was untrue, misleading, unconscionable, or unfair; and

l. The method of calculation of damages for members of the Class.

#### **VII. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION – BREACH OF CONTRACT**

38. Plaintiffs re-allege each of the preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.

39. Throughout the Class Period, eBay entered into identical contracts with Plaintiffs and all Class Members setting forth the fees for GTC Listings. As set forth more fully above, the User Agreement incorporates the applicable Fees Schedules. Plaintiffs and the Class therefore entered into unambiguous contracts with eBay to pay only the certain and defined fees for GTC Listings in the manner set forth in each Fees Schedule.

40. eBay breached its contracts with Plaintiffs and the Class, and its covenant of good faith and fair dealing, by charging fees for GTC Listings in a manner different than set forth in the applicable Fees Schedules; by collecting fees in excess of those permitted by the applicable Fees Schedules; and by interfering with the right of Plaintiffs and the Class to receive the

1 benefits under the contracts. eBay also breached its duty of good faith and fair dealing by  
2 misstating the dates on which the terms of the parties' agreement, over which eBay had unilateral  
3 control and discretion, had substantively changed, namely with respect to the terms found on  
4 each of the Fees Schedules relating to Good 'Til Cancelled listings. Furthermore, eBay  
5 improperly re-charged all Listing Fees and/or changed the amounts of re-charged Listing Fees on  
6 GTC Listings. Alternatively and in addition, eBay overcharged sellers by improperly re-  
7 charging fees in excess of the Insertion Fee every 30 days on GTC Listings.

9 **41.** Plaintiffs and the Class in no way agreed or consented to any charges above and  
10 beyond those set forth in the applicable Fees Schedules and did not agree to alter, modify, or  
11 amend their contracts with eBay. Among other things, Plaintiffs and the Class did not voluntarily  
12 agree to fees different from those in the applicable Fees Schedule by paying invoices prepared by  
13 eBay, regardless of whether those invoices were sent to or otherwise made available to any  
14 Plaintiff or Class member.

16 **42.** Alternatively and in addition, the User Agreement and applicable Fees Schedules,  
17 are contracts of adhesion that must be construed against their drafter, eBay, and in favor of  
18 Plaintiffs and the Class.

19 **43.** Further, any and all provisions of any web page, invoice, or communication from  
20 eBay purporting to contradict or alter the terms sets out in the applicable Fees Schedules must be  
21 disregarded, construed in favor of Plaintiffs and Class Members, and/or declared unconscionable  
22 and unenforceable.

24 **44.** As a direct and proximate result of eBay's breach of contract, and the attendant  
25 covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs and the Class have been damaged in an amount  
26 easily calculated by taking the difference between the amount of Listing Fees actually charged  
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1 and deducting inapplicable Listing Fees pursuant to the Fees Schedule applicable at the time of  
2 the charge. The damages are readily calculable from eBay's data and the calculation is common  
3 to and typical of all Class members and readily determinable from the computer data in the  
4 possession of eBay.

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6 **VIII. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION – UNFAIR COMPETITION**

7 **45.** Plaintiffs re-allege each of the preceding paragraphs, as if set forth fully herein.

8 **46.** The California Business & Professions Code § 17200 provides that “unfair  
9 competition shall mean and include any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice.”  
10 eBay's policy and practice regarding Listing Fees constitutes a “business practice” and is  
11 unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent. Beginning September 16, 2008, eBay represented and  
12 promised on the applicable Fees Schedules that GTC Listings would require the payment of  
13 Listing Fees only at the time of listing and eBay omitted any disclosure of the existence or  
14 amount of recurring fees of any kind. To the extent eBay remedied these misrepresentations and  
15 omissions, it did so inadequately in literal “fine print” designed to be overlooked by Class  
16 members. These inadequate and obscure disclosures at most revealed the recurring nature of  
17 Insertion Fees, not Optional Feature Fees. Moreover, eBay did not reveal that it intended to  
18 change Listing Fees after the listing was placed and charge the changed fees, rather than the fees  
19 as of the date of listing. However, eBay unlawfully charged recurring Listing Fees for all GTC  
20 Listings.  
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23 **47.** eBay's business practices described above as to GTC Listing Fees is unlawful,  
24 unfair, and/or fraudulent in that they violate at least the following laws:

25 **a.** Breach of contract and the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

26 **b.** eBay's conduct constitutes unjust enrichment insofar as it charged fees in  
27 excess of those advertised and agreed to at the applicable Fees Schedule web pages.  
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1           c.       eBay violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 *et seq.* (“FAL”) because its  
2 representations regarding GTC Listings were untrue and misleading, and eBay knew, or by the  
3 exercise of reasonable care should have known, that the applicable Fees Schedules were untrue  
4 or misleading.

5           d.       Furthermore, eBay failed to present the automatic renewal offer terms in a  
6 clear and conspicuous manner before each GTC Listing and in visual proximity of the GTC  
7 Listing offer. Nor did eBay obtain affirmative consent to the automatic renewal offer before  
8 charging or changing recurring GTC Listing fees. eBay also failed to alert users to material  
9 changes in the GTC Listing terms as required by the FAL. In particular, eBay’s statements in the  
10 User Agreement itself regarding the last date the User Agreement was substantively changed  
11 were false and/or misleading and failed to conspicuously advise users that material changes had  
12 been made to the terms of the parties’ agreement, including addition and/or modification of the  
13 terms relating to Good ’Til Cancelled recurring charges and automatic renewal, violating the  
14 FAL. In addition, eBay failed to provide an acknowledgment that included the automatic  
15 renewal/continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to  
16 cancel in a manner that was capable of being retained by the customer.

17           e.       eBay violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 *et seq.* and/or § 17507  
18 because its representations regarding GTC Listing Fees were misleading and did not clearly and  
19 conspicuously state that all Listing Fees would be re-charged and/or changed every 30 days on  
20 uncanceled GTC Listings.

21           f.       eBay violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17507 because its representations  
22 regarding GTC Listing Fees were a “bait and switch” tactic and its advertising claims or  
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1 representations did not clearly and conspicuously identify the recurring fees associated with GTC  
2 Listings.

3           g.       eBay violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 12024.1 because it willfully  
4 misrepresented a charge for services rendered on the basis of time, measure or count via its Fees  
5 Schedules and, insofar as eBay actually charged fees premised on a different time, measure  
6 and/or count than represented; namely GTC Listings were “not Good 'Til Canceled” but instead  
7 were as expensive or more expensive than traditional listings if the listing extended past 30 days.  
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9           h.       eBay violated Cal. Civ. Code § 1670.5 by, among other things, procuring  
10 contracts or contract provisions from Plaintiffs and the Class that were unconscionable at the  
11 time they were made and further by promising and representing that GTC Listings would be  
12 charged (at most) only Insertion Fees every 30 days, but instead repeatedly charged and/or  
13 changed all Listing Fees for GTC Listings, using both its substantially greater bargaining power  
14 and greater knowledge in order to do so.  
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16       **48.**       Independently and in addition, eBay’s conduct described above is unfair under  
17 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.* It is fundamentally unfair, contrary to public policy,  
18 immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, and injurious to Plaintiffs and the Class for eBay  
19 to obscurely “disclose” recurring Insertion Fees every 30 days for GTC Listings; and then  
20 nevertheless charge and/or change all Listing Fees every 30 days. There is no justification or  
21 excuse for eBay’s practices and/or any such justification is outweighed by the consequences and  
22 harm to Plaintiffs and Class members. In addition, to the extent that eBay attempts to avoid its  
23 published Fees Schedules by reference to other web pages, extra-contractual communications, or  
24 portions of web pages not specifically identified within the User Agreement, that conduct is also  
25 unfair, unconscionable, and violates §§ 17200 *et seq.* In that regard, eBay’s conduct constitutes  
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1 an unfair business practice for the following additional reasons:

- 2           **a.**       The consumer injury resulting from eBay's malfeasance is substantial;
- 3           **b.**       The consumer injury is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to
- 4 consumers or competition; and
- 5           **c.**       Consumers could not reasonably have avoided the injury caused by eBay's
- 6 conduct.
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8           **49.**     Plaintiffs and the Class are officers, persons, corporations or associations that

9 have suffered an injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of eBay's violations of Cal.

10 Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.*

11           **IX. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION - FALSE ADVERTISING LAWS**

12           **50.**     Plaintiffs re-allege each of the preceding paragraphs, as if set forth fully herein.

13           **51.**     eBay violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 *et seq.* because its representations

14 regarding GTC Listing Fees were untrue and misleading, and eBay knew, or by the exercise of

15 reasonable care should have known, that these fees were untrue or misleading.

16           **a.**       eBay violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 *et seq.* and/or § 17507

17 because its representations regarding Listing Fees were misleading and did not clearly and

18 conspicuously state that eBay would charge and/or change recurring fees for GTC Listings

19 and/or that such fees would include all Listing Fees.

20           **b.**       Furthermore, eBay failed to present the automatic renewal offer terms in a

21 clear and conspicuous manner before each GTC Listing and in visual proximity of the GTC

22 Listing offer. Nor did eBay obtain affirmative consent to the automatic renewal offer before

23 charging recurring GTC Listing fees. eBay also failed to alert users to material changes in the

24 GTC Listing terms as required by the FAL. In particular, eBay's statements in the User

25 Agreement itself regarding the last date the User Agreement was substantively changed were

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1 false and/or misleading and failed to conspicuously advise users that material changes had been  
2 made to the terms of the parties' agreement, including addition and/or modification of the terms  
3 relating to Good 'Til Cancelled recurring charges and automatic renewal, violating the FAL.

4       **52.** eBay violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17507 because its representations  
5 regarding Listing Fees were a "bait and switch" tactic and its advertising claims or  
6 representations did not clearly and conspicuously identify the prices associated with GTC  
7 Listings.  
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9       **53.** Plaintiffs and the Class are officers, persons, corporations or associations that  
10 suffered an injury in fact and lost money as a result of eBay's violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code  
11 § 17500 *et seq.*

12       **54.** eBay's conduct described above violates Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 *et seq.*  
13 and entitles Plaintiffs and the Class to restitution and injunctive relief as provided by Cal. Bus. &  
14 Prof. Code § 17535.  
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16                   **X. FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION –**  
17                   **VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17600 ET SEQ.**

18       **55.** Plaintiffs re-allege each of the preceding paragraphs, as if set forth fully herein.

19       **56.** eBay violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17600 *et seq.* because its GTC listings  
20 constituted an automatic renewal or continuous service offer and:

21           **a.** eBay failed to present the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous  
22 service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner before the agreement was fulfilled and in  
23 visual proximity to the request or consent for the offer. In this regard, eBay's "fine print"  
24 disclosure of monthly renewing charges was not clear and conspicuous, nor was it in visual  
25 proximity to the consent obtained for charges associated with GTC listings created through  
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eBay's SYI process or the other approved processes for creating eBay listings. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1).

**b.** eBay charged its customers' credit card, debit card, or account with a third party for an automatic renewal or continuous service without first obtaining the consumer's affirmative consent to the agreement containing the automatic renewal offer term or continuous service offer terms. Specifically, the SYI process and other approved listing processes did not obtain affirmative consent to the recurring charges made by eBay for GTC listings. Moreover, eBay does not obtain affirmative consent for changes to its User Agreement or Fees Schedules, but instead simply imposes unilateral changes on its customers. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(2).

**c.** Whenever a GTC listing was created, eBay failed to provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3).

**57.** Noll and other members of the Class are consumers as defined by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(d) and are entitled to restitution of all recurring Listing fees charged by eBay in violation Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17600 *et seq.*

#### **XI. FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION - CONSUMER LEGAL REMEDIES ACT**

**58.** Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each of the preceding paragraphs, as if set forth fully herein.

**59.** Noll and the consumer members of the Class also have causes of action under Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 *et seq.* for unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including, without limitation:

1           a. Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval,  
2 characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have or that a person  
3 has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection which he or she does not have;

4           b. Advertising services with the intent not to sell them as advertised;

5           c. Representing that a transaction confers or involves rights, remedies, or  
6 obligations which it does not have or involve, or which are prohibited by law; and  
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8           d. Inserting an unconscionable provision in a contract.

9           60. Noll and the consumer members of the Class seek damages to include all  
10 recurring charges for GTC Listings and all other remedies available under the CLRA.

11                               **XII. SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION -**  
12                               **UNJUST ENRICHMENT/COMMON LAW RESTITUTION**

13           61. Plaintiffs re-allege each of the preceding paragraphs, as if set forth fully herein.

14           62. By charging fees in excess of those promised and agreed to under the applicable  
15 Fees Schedules, eBay collected fees in excess of those to which it was contractually or otherwise  
16 entitled. eBay has therefore unlawfully and unjustly enriched itself at the cost of Plaintiffs and  
17 the Class. Plaintiffs and members of the Class therefore seek an order of restitution and  
18 disgorgement of all fees eBay collected in excess of those expressly agreed to.  
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20                               **XIII. SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION - FRAUD AND DECEIT**

21           63. Plaintiffs re-allege each of the preceding paragraphs, as if set forth fully herein.

22           64. eBay violated Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1572 (actual fraud), 1709 and 1710, because at  
23 the time eBay published its Fees Schedules and Plaintiffs and the Class listed items for sale,  
24 eBay knowingly, willfully, and/or recklessly made material misrepresentations regarding the fees  
25 for GTC Listings, without any intent to charge the fees as actually stated within the applicable  
26 Fees Schedules, and eBay instead intended to charge, and did charge and/or change recurring  
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1 Listing Fees. eBay engaged in this conduct in order to induce Plaintiffs and Class members to  
2 list items for sale and pay the improper fees, and Plaintiffs and the Class reasonably relied on  
3 eBay's misrepresentations and omissions to their detriment. Plaintiffs and the Class therefore  
4 seek all damages proximately caused by eBay as a result of this wrongful conduct.

#### 5 **XIV. EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**

6 **65. Declaratory Relief.** Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2, Plaintiffs and the Class  
7 state that an actual controversy with eBay exists and they seek a declaration regarding their  
8 rights and other legal relations as follows.

9 **66. Contractual Rights.** Plaintiffs and the Class seek a declaration construing and  
10 enforcing the User Agreement and applicable Fees Schedules for GTC Listings. Plaintiffs and  
11 the Class will rely on the Fees Schedules published and amended over time, including those  
12 referenced or excerpted above. In particular, Plaintiffs and the Class seek a declaration that GTC  
13 Listings under the applicable Fees Schedules are subject only to the initial Listing Fees, as set  
14 forth on the applicable Fees Schedule; upon automatic renewal every 30 days, there should be no  
15 further fees or, alternatively, only additional Insertion Fees and in no event any other additional  
16 fees (excluding Final Value Fees). Further, eBay's conduct is ongoing, and Plaintiffs therefore  
17 seeks prospective relief regarding the parties' rights and obligations under the User Agreement.

#### 18 **XV. MISCELLANEOUS**

19 **67. Conditions Precedent.** Plaintiffs and the Class hereby allege that they have fully  
20 complied with all contractual and other legal obligations and fully complied with all conditions  
21 precedent to bringing this action and/or all such obligations or conditions are excused.

22 **68. Jury Demand.** Plaintiffs and the Class demand a trial by jury.



**XVI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**69.** Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the Class, requests the following relief:

**a.** An order certifying the Class and appointing Noll and Rhythm as a representatives of the Class and the undersigned counsel as Class Counsel;

**b.** Declaratory judgment interpreting the applicable Fees Schedules and the proper method of calculation of listing fees for GTC Listings and as otherwise set forth above and an injunction prohibiting eBay from charging recurring Listing Fees on GTC Listings;

**c.** Imposition of a constructive trust upon all the monies and assets eBay has acquired as a result of its unfair practices and fees;

**d.** Actual damages suffered by Plaintiffs and the Class and/or full restitution of all funds acquired from eBay's unfair business practices, including disgorgement of profits;

**e.** Punitive damages, in an amount determined by the Court and/or jury;

**f.** Any and all statutory enhanced damages or punitive damages;

**g.** All reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees provided for by statute or common law;

**h.** Pre- and post-judgment interest; and

**i.** All other and further relief, general and special, legal and equitable, to which Plaintiffs and Class may be justly entitled.

**XVII. CERTIFICATION OF INTERESTED ENTITIES OR PERSONS**

**70.** Pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-16, the undersigned certifies that, as of this date, other than the named parties, there is no such interest to report.

1 Dated: October 2, 2012.

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22 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

23 I hereby certify that all counsel of record will be served with a copy of this document via  
24 the Court's CM/ECF system pursuant to the local rules of this Court, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October,  
25 2012.

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